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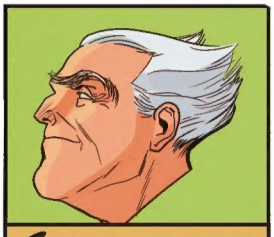
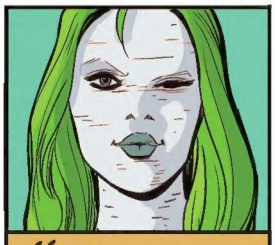


STAGG--HE WANTS IT ALL...YESTERDAY!

JAVA--HE WASN'T BORN YESTERDAY!



URANIA--SHE SAYS YES TO TODAY!

AND WHAT MAKES SUGAR SWEET THE VILLAIN OF TOMORROW?

METAMORPHO

The ELEMENT MAN

WHO COULD WIN THE HEART OF THE MOST FABULOUS FREAK OF ALL? ONLY ONE **MORE FABULOUS STILL**...THE SWITCHED-ON **SAPPHIRE STAGG!** FROM THE BIG SCREEN TO THE SMALL, SHE COMMANDS THEM ALL, A **POP PRINCESS** AT THE **PEAK** OF HER POWERS...
BUT FROM THE PEAK, THE ONLY WAY IS **DOWN!** AS **REX MASON** DISCOVERS WHEN HE JOINS SAPPHIRE IN THE **SPOTLIGHT**--

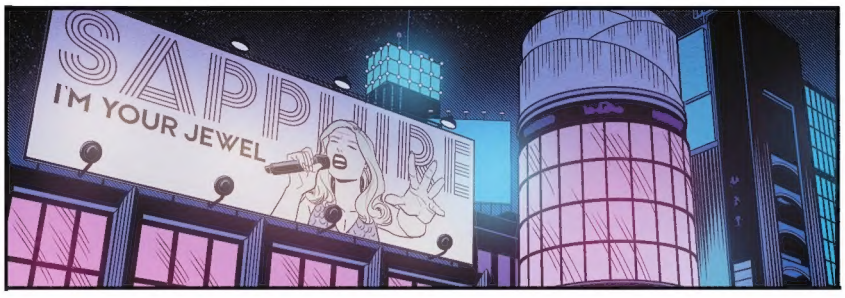
--AND THE **GUNSIGHTS** OF A DEADLY RIVAL FOR HER **CULTURAL CROWN**...

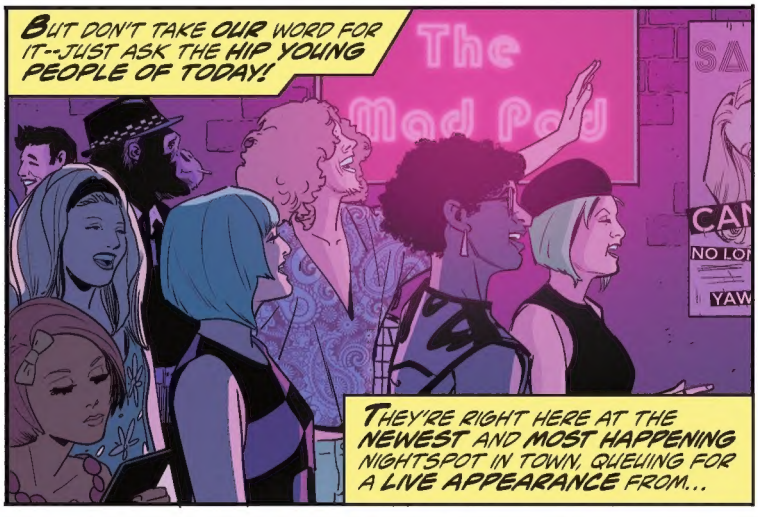
The Woman from Yesterday!

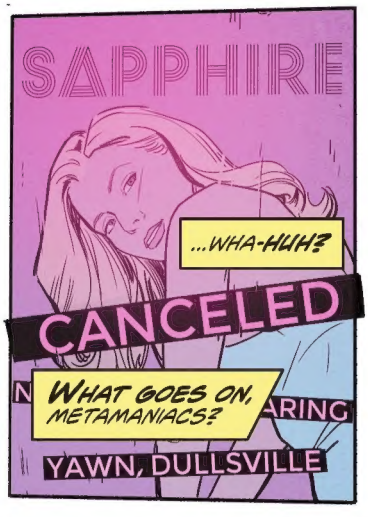
LOCATION: JUMP CITY!

WHERE IS JUMP CITY, YOU ASK? WHY, IT'S RIGHT AT THE BEATING HEART OF THE NOW, READER...

...AND WHO'S MORE NOW--OR MORE WOW--THAN THE STUPENDOUS SAPPHIRE STAGG?

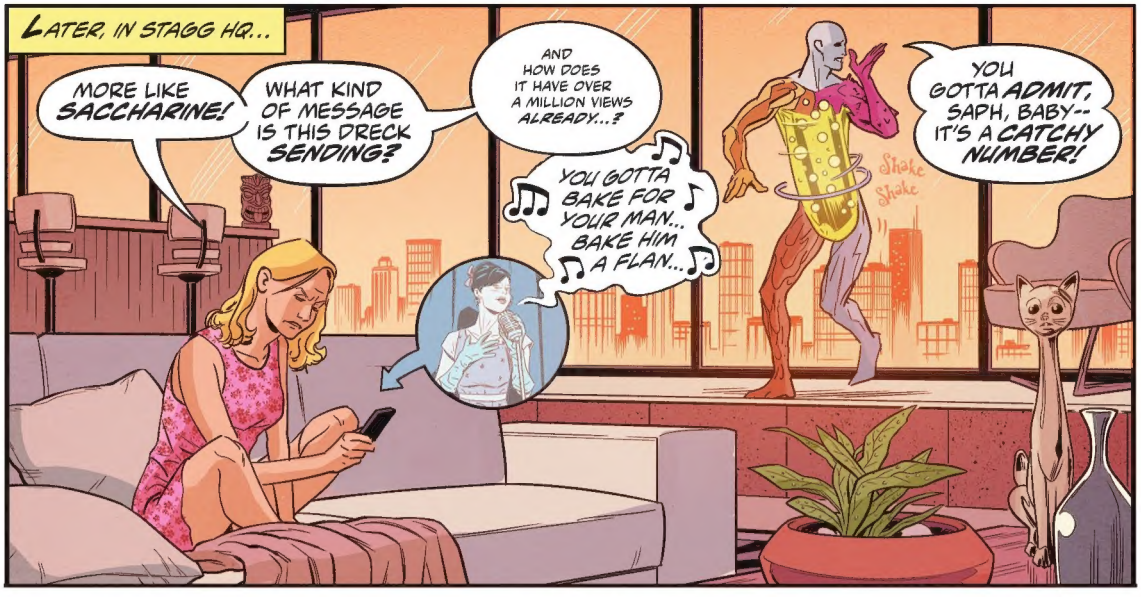


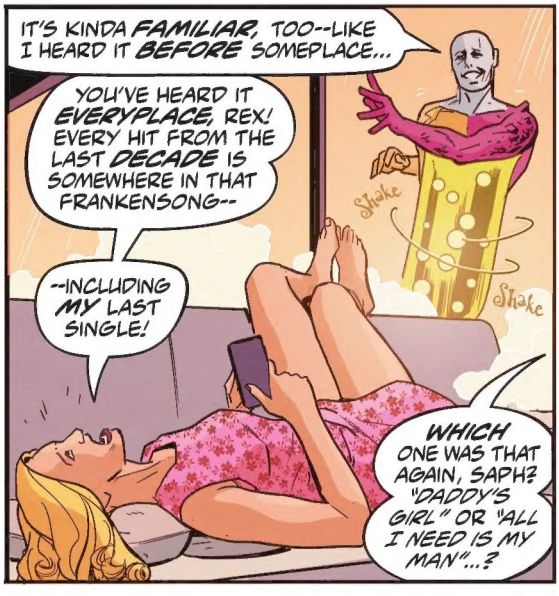

BUT DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT--JUST ASK THE HIP YOUNG PEOPLE OF TODAY!
THEY'RE RIGHT HERE AT THE NEWEST AND MOST HAPPENING NIGHTSPOT IN TOWN, QUEUING FOR A LIVE APPEARANCE FROM...

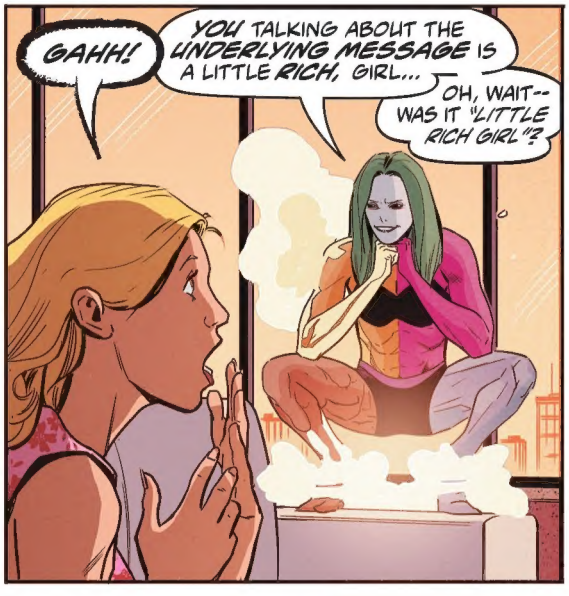


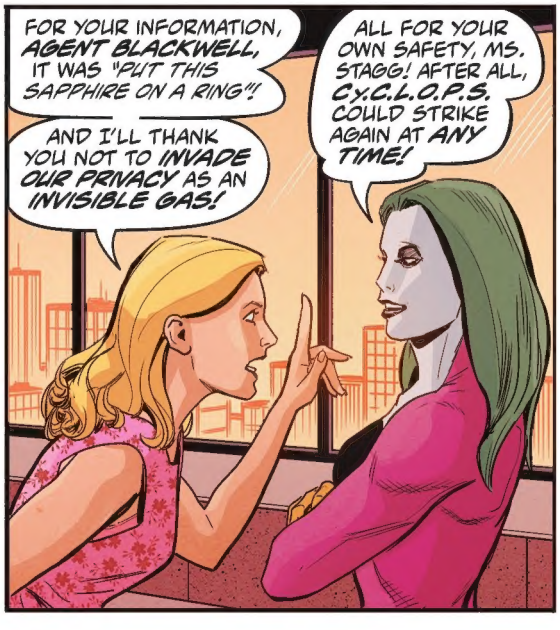
SLIP PAST THE VELVET ROPE WITH US--AND FIND OUT!
WHAT HO, LADDIOS!
ALLOW ME TO OFFER AN OLD-FASHIONED WELCOME TO ME LITTLE VENUE!
WHO AM I? I'M THE MAD MOD, DAD... AND YOU'RE IN THE MAD MOD'S PAD!

BUT YOU DIDN'T COME TO LEND YER LUGHOLES TO ME! OR TO AN 'AS-BEEN LIKE--HIGH!--SAPPHIRE STAGG!
YER AFTER THE ONE... THE ONLY... THE MULTI-TALENTED...
...SUGAR SWEET!
HII-II-I!
SUGAR'S SWEET, BUT I'M A SWEETER TREAT...

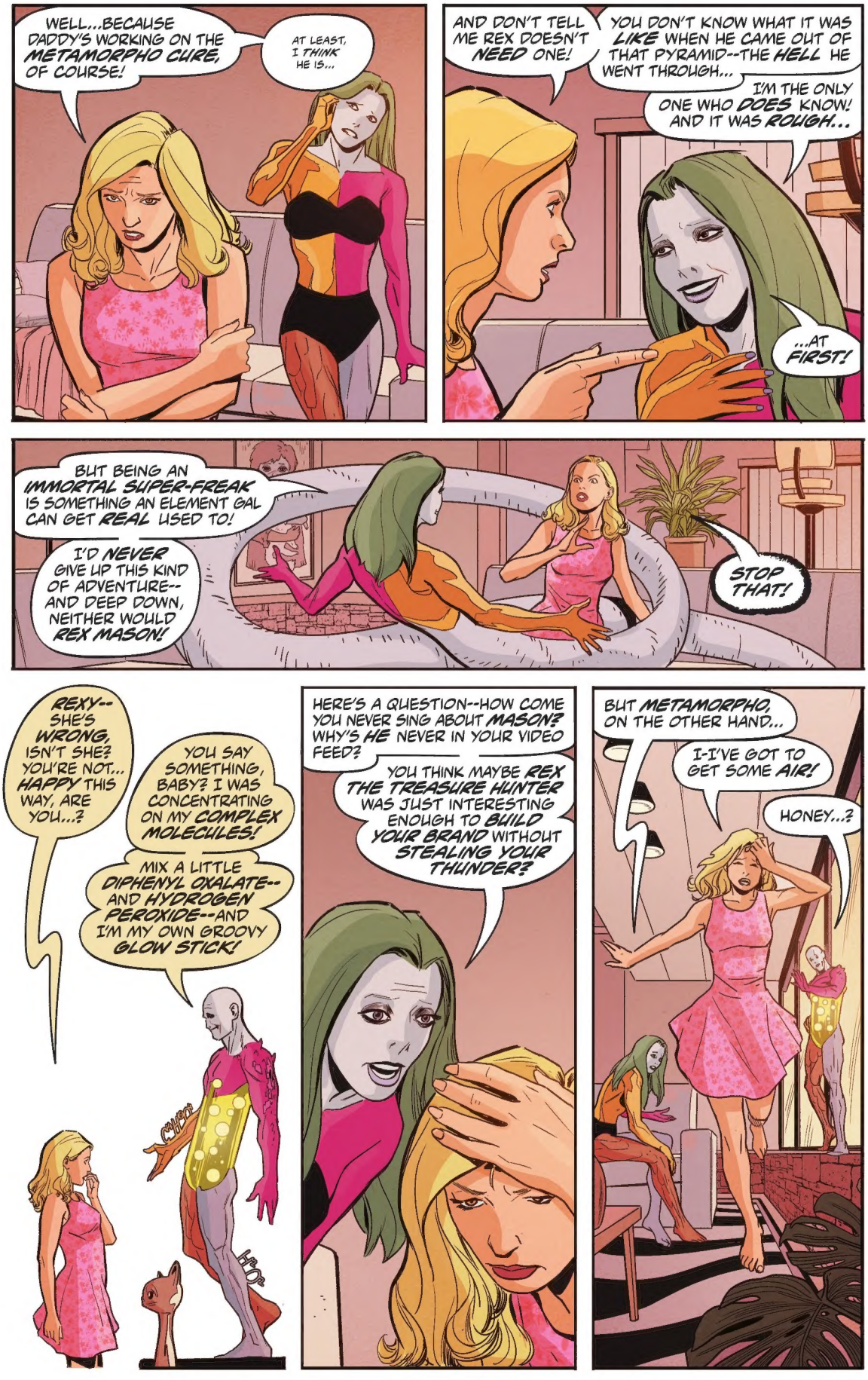

LATER, IN STAGG HQ...
MORE LIKE SACCHARINE!
WHAT KIND OF MESSAGE IS THIS DRECK SENDING?
AND HOW DOES IT HAVE OVER A MILLION VIEWS ALREADY...?
YOU GOTTA BAKE FOR YOUR MAN.. BAKE HIM A FLAN...
YOU GOTTA ADMIT, SAPH, BABY-- IT'S A CATCHY NUMBER!
Shake
Shake

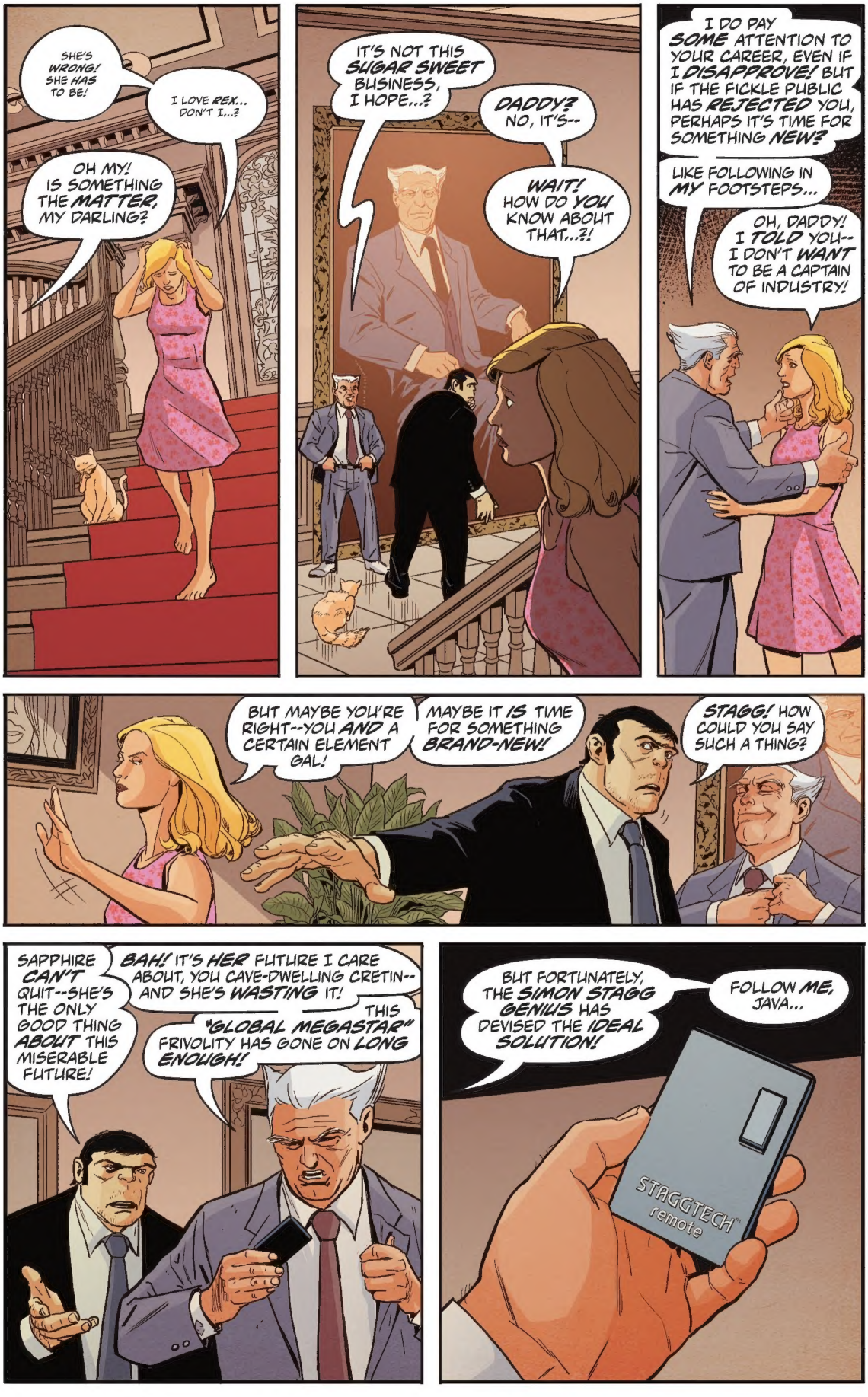

IT'S KINDA FAMILIAR, TOO--LIKE I HEARD IT BEFORE SOMEPLACE...
YOU'VE HEARD IT EVERYPLACE, REX! EVERY HIT FROM THE LAST DECADE IS SOMEWHERE IN THAT FRANKENSONG--
--INCLUDING MY LAST SINGLE!
WHICH ONE WAS THAT AGAIN, SAPH? "DADDY'S GIRL" OR "ALL I NEED IS MY MAN"...?
Shake
Shake

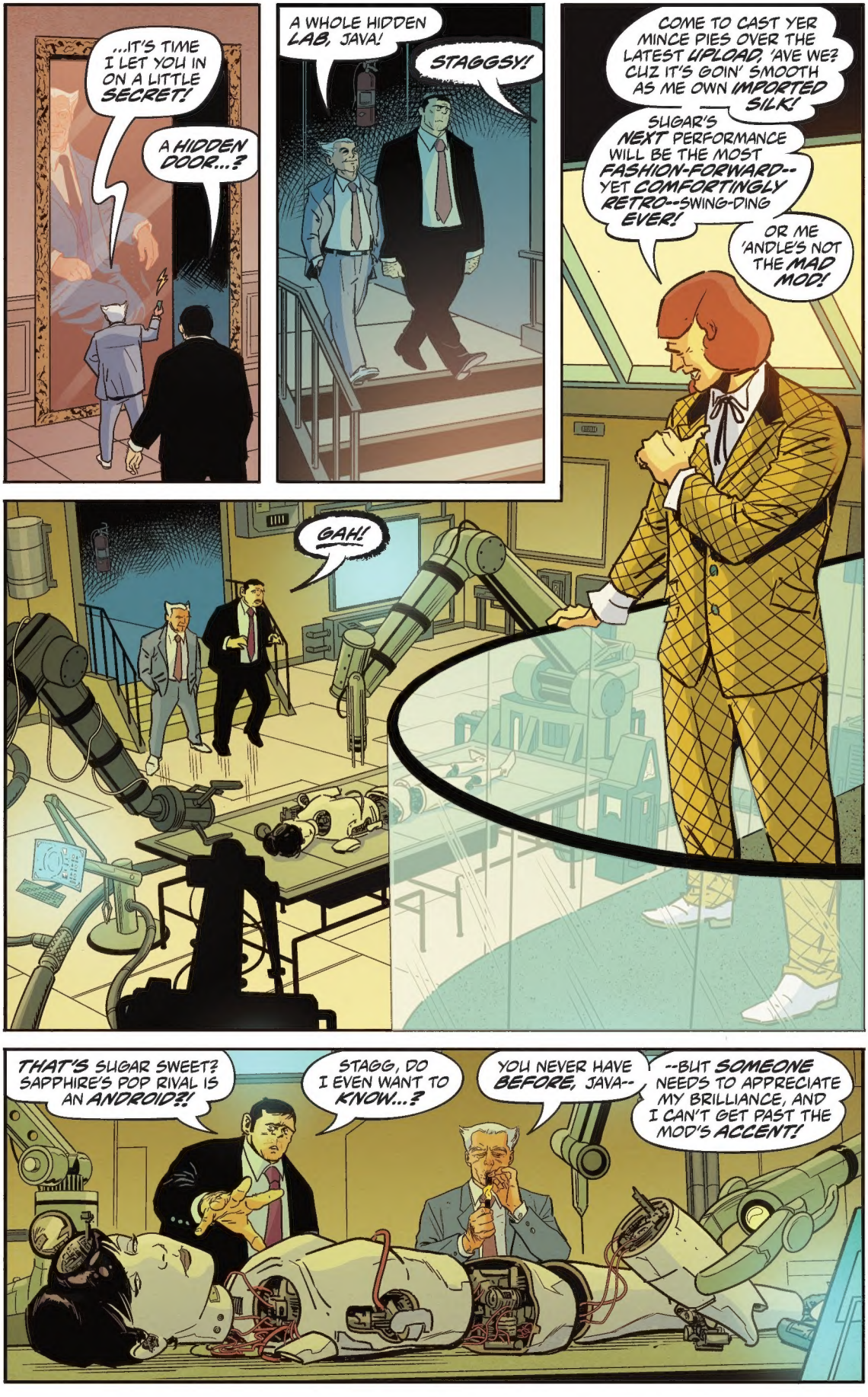

GAHH!
YOU TALKING ABOUT THE UNDERLYING MESSAGE IS A LITTLE RICH, GIRL...
OH, WAIT-- WAS IT "LITTLE RICH GIRL"?


FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AGENT BLACKWELL, IT WAS "PUT THIS SAPPHIRE ON A RING"!
AND I'LL THANK YOU NOT TO INVADE OUR PRIVACY AS AN INVISIBLE GAS!
ALL FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, MS. STAGG! AFTER ALL, CY.C.L.O.P.S. COULD STRIKE AGAIN AT ANY TIME!

NOW ME, I'D RATHER BE IN A S.H.A.D.E. SAFE HOUSE-- BUT THAT'D MEAN REX GETTING SMART AND TELLING STAGG SR. TO JUMP IN HIS MONEY BIN!
WHY DOES METAMORPHO HANG AROUND YOUR SLEAZY FATHER AGAIN...?


WELL...BECAUSE DADDY'S WORKING ON THE METAMORPHO CURE, OF COURSE!
AT LEAST, I THINK HE IS...
AND DON'T TELL ME REX DOESN'T NEED ONE!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE WHEN HE CAME OUT OF THAT PYRAMID--THE HELL HE WENT THROUGH...
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO DOES KNOW! AND IT WAS ROUGH...
...AT FIRST!
BUT BEING AN IMMORTAL SUPER-FREAK IS SOMETHING AN ELEMENT GAL CAN GET REAL USED TO!
I'D NEVER GIVE UP THIS KIND OF ADVENTURE--AND DEEP DOWN, NEITHER WOULD REX MASON!
STOP THAT!
REXY--SHE'S WRONG, ISN'T SHE? YOU'RE NOT... HAPPY THIS WAY, ARE YOU...?
YOU SAY SOMETHING, BABY? I WAS CONCENTRATING ON MY COMPLEX MOLECULES!
MIX A LITTLE DIPHENYL OXALATE--AND HYDROGEN PEROXIDE--AND I'M MY OWN GROOVY GLOW STICK!
CHUGG
HERE'S A QUESTION--HOW COME YOU NEVER SING ABOUT MASON? WHY'S HE NEVER IN YOUR VIDEO FEED?
YOU THINK MAYBE REX THE TREASURE HUNTER WAS JUST INTERESTING ENOUGH TO BUILD YOUR BRAND WITHOUT STEALING YOUR THUNDER?
BUT METAMORPHO, ON THE OTHER HAND...
I-I'VE GOT TO GET SOME AIR!
HONEY...?


SHE'S WRONG! SHE HAS TO BE!
I LOVE REX... DON'T I...?
OH MY! IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, MY DARLING?
IT'S NOT THIS SUGAR SWEET BUSINESS, I HOPE...?
DADDY? NO, IT'S--
WAIT! HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT...?!
I DO PAY SOME ATTENTION TO YOUR CAREER, EVEN IF I DISAPPROVE! BUT IF THE FICKLE PUBLIC HAS REJECTED YOU, PERHAPS IT'S TIME FOR SOMETHING NEW?
LIKE FOLLOWING IN MY FOOTSTEPS...
OH, DADDY! I TOLD YOU-- I DON'T WANT TO BE A CAPTAIN OF INDUSTRY!
BUT MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT--YOU AND A CERTAIN ELEMENT GAL!
MAYBE IT IS TIME FOR SOMETHING BRAND-NEW!
STAGG! HOW COULD YOU SAY SUCH A THING?
SAPPHIRE CAN'T QUIT--SHE'S THE ONLY GOOD THING ABOUT THIS MISERABLE FUTURE!
BAH! IT'S HER FUTURE I CARE ABOUT, YOU CAVE-DWELLING CRETIN-- AND SHE'S WASTING IT!
THIS "GLOBAL MEGASTAR" FRIVOLITY HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH!
BUT FORTUNATELY, THE SIMON STAGG GENIUS HAS DEVISED THE IDEAL SOLUTION!
FOLLOW ME, JAVA...
STAGGTECH remote


...IT'S TIME I LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE SECRET!
A HIDDEN DOOR...?
A WHOLE HIDDEN LAB, JAVA!
STAGGSY!
COME TO CAST YER MINCE PIES OVER THE LATEST UPLOAD, 'AVE WE? CUZ IT'S GOIN' SMOOTH AS ME OWN IMPORTED SILK!
SUGAR'S NEXT PERFORMANCE WILL BE THE MOST FASHION-FORWARD-- YET COMFORTINGLY RETRO--SWING-DING EVER!
OR ME 'ANDLE'S NOT THE MAD MOD!
GAH!
THAT'S SUGAR SWEET? SAPPHIRE'S POP RIVAL IS AN ANDROID?!
STAGG, DO I EVEN WANT TO KNOW...?
YOU NEVER HAVE BEFORE, JAVA--
--BUT SOMEONE NEEDS TO APPRECIATE MY BRILLIANCE, AND I CAN'T GET PAST THE MOD'S ACCENT!

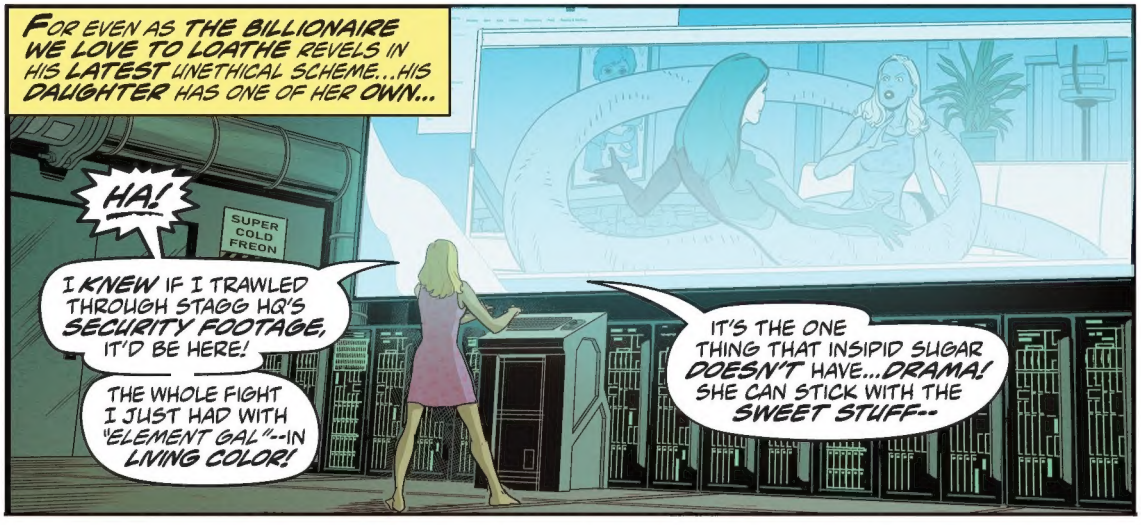
STILL, HE KNOWS HIS TECHNOLOGY-- AND HE KNOWS ABOUT FASHION!
TOO RIGHT, ME OLD SIXPENCE! THE MOD KNOWS WHAT'S GEAR AND FAB!
EVERY DAY, ME ALGORITHMS SCRAPE ALL THE BEST OLD STUFF OFF THE WEB--AND REPACKAGE IT FOR THE LADDIOS OF TODAY!

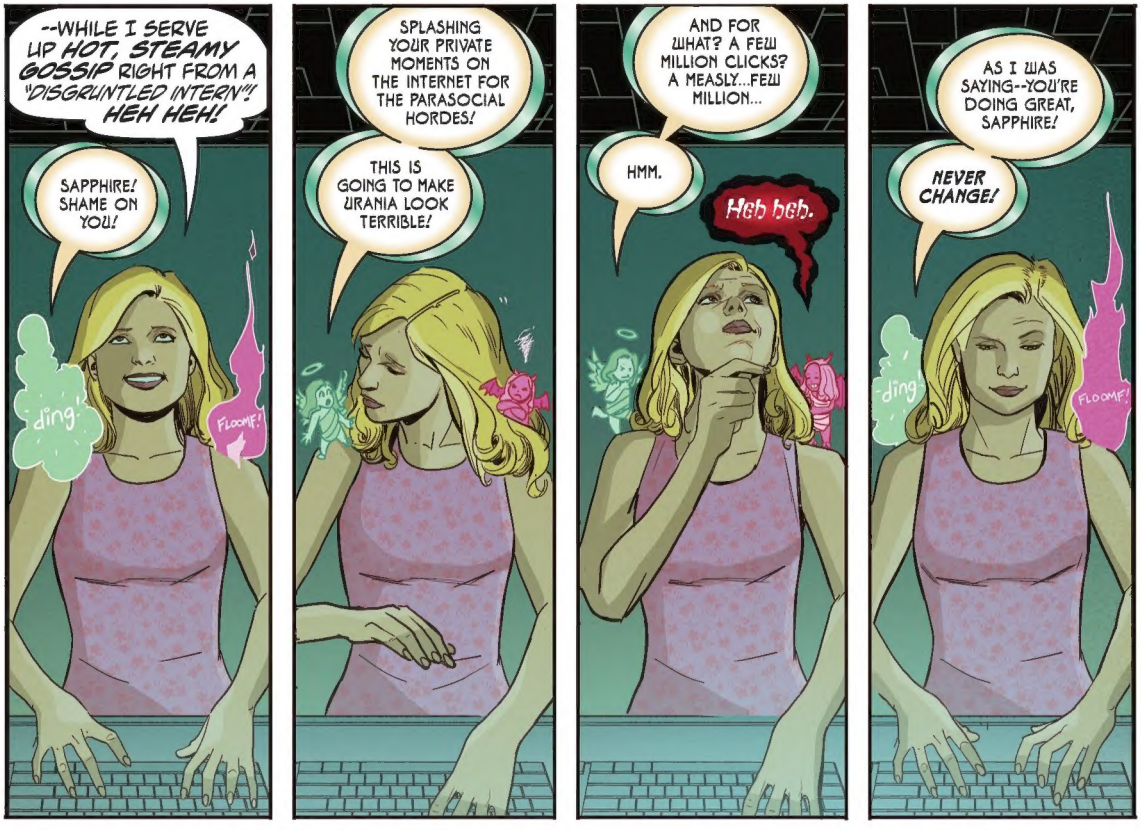
THEN STAGGSY'S ANDROID AUTO-FABRICATORS GO TO WORK! EVERY DAY, THEY RE-CREATE "SUGAR" INTO WHATEVER THE KIDS WANNA SEE MORE OF!
OF COURSE, I MIGHT 'AVE WEIGHTED THE RESULTS JUST A SMIDGEN...

...BUT THE MOD KNOWS 'IS ONIONS, DUCKIES!
NOSTALGIA'S BIG RIGHT NOW--JUST LIKE IT WAS WHEN I WAS A NIPPER! THE GOOD OLD DAYS WHEN A BLOKE KNEW WHERE 'E STOOD!
TAP TAP!!
STAGG, I'M A LITERAL NEANDERTHAL AND EVEN I THINK THIS IS WEIRD...

BUT YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE BEST PART, JAVA! SUGAR SWEET IS ONLY THE PROTOTYPE-- FROM WHICH WE WILL MANUFACTURE A LEGION OF STAGG-BRANDED SUPERSTARS!
FINALLY, ALL THAT WASTEFUL CREATIVITY WILL BE OUTSOURCED TO MACHINES-- LEAVING HUMANS FREE TO SPEND THEIR TIME ON WHAT TRULY MATTERS...
BIG BUSINESS!

SO YOU SEE, SOON SAPPHIRE WILL HAVE TO JOIN THE FAMILY FIRM! SHE'LL HAVE NO CHOICE!
HAHAHAHAHA!
:ULP!:
WELL MIGHT YOU ULP, JAVA!


FOR EVEN AS THE BILLIONAIRE WE LOVE TO LOATHE REVELS IN HIS LATEST UNETHICAL SCHEME...HIS DAUGHTER HAS ONE OF HER OWN...
HA!
SUPER COLD FREON
I KNEW IF I TRAWLED THROUGH STAGG HQ'S SECURITY FOOTAGE, IT'D BE HERE!
THE WHOLE FIGHT I JUST HAD WITH "ELEMENT GAL"--IN LIVING COLOR!
IT'S THE ONE THING THAT INSIPID SUGAR DOESN'T HAVE...DRAMA! SHE CAN STICK WITH THE SWEET STUFF--


--WHILE I SERVE UP HOT, STEAMY GOSSIP RIGHT FROM A "DISGRUNTLED INTERN"! HEH HEH!
SAPPHIRE! SHAME ON YOU!
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FLOOMF!
SPLASHING YOUR PRIVATE MOMENTS ON THE INTERNET FOR THE PARASOCIAL HORDES!
THIS IS GOING TO MAKE URANIA LOOK TERRIBLE!
AND FOR WHAT? A FEW MILLION CLICKS? A MEASLY...FEW MILLION...
HMM.
Heh heh.
AS I WAS SAYING--YOU'RE DOING GREAT, SAPPHIRE!
NEVER CHANGE!
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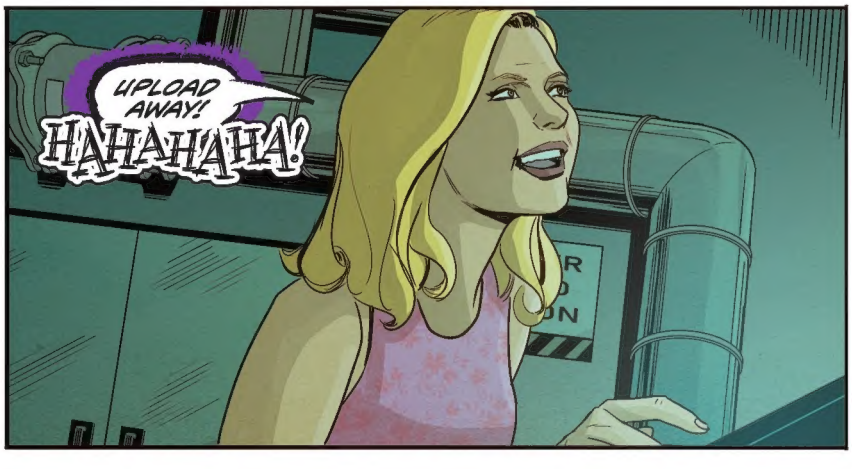
FLOOMF!

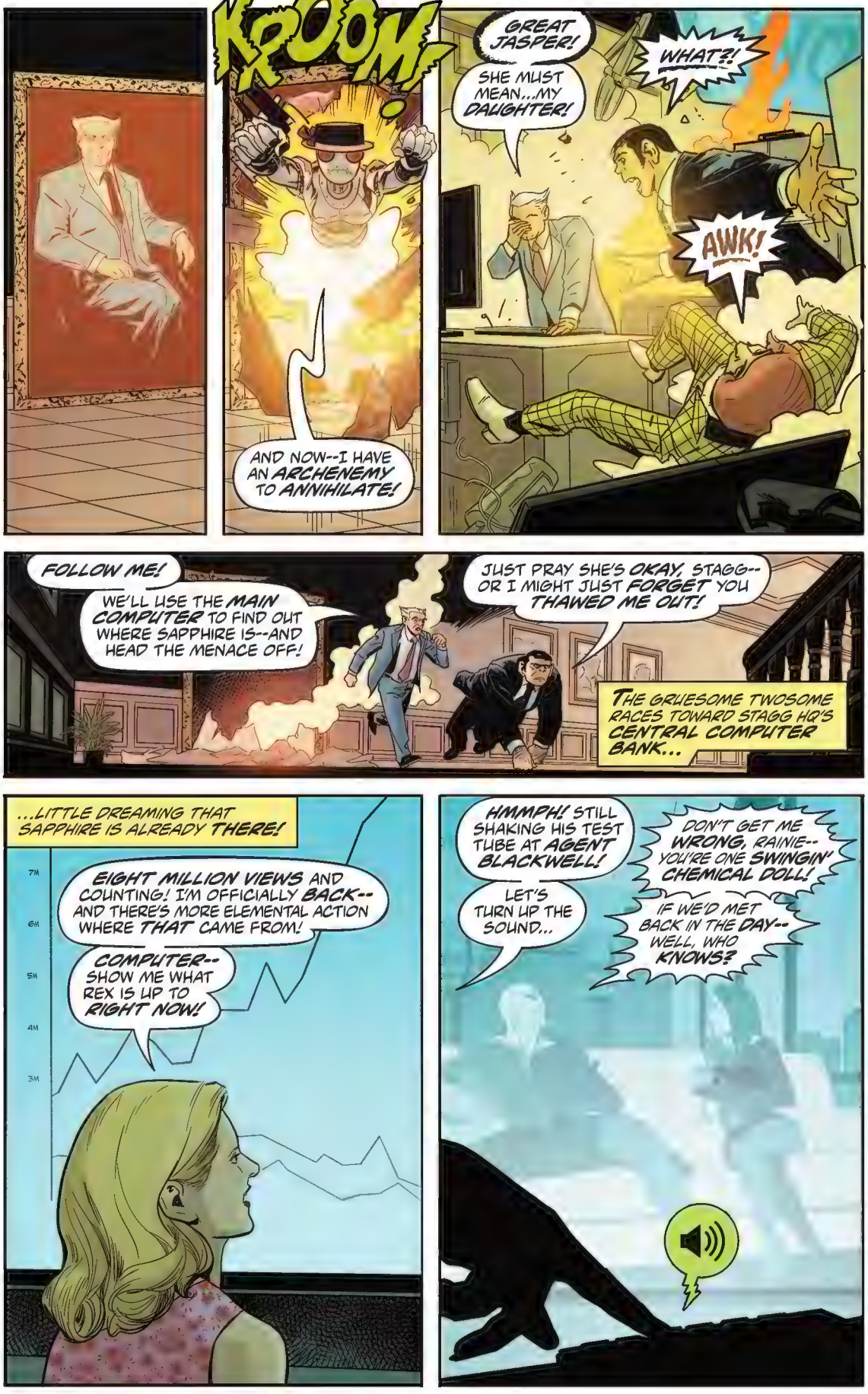


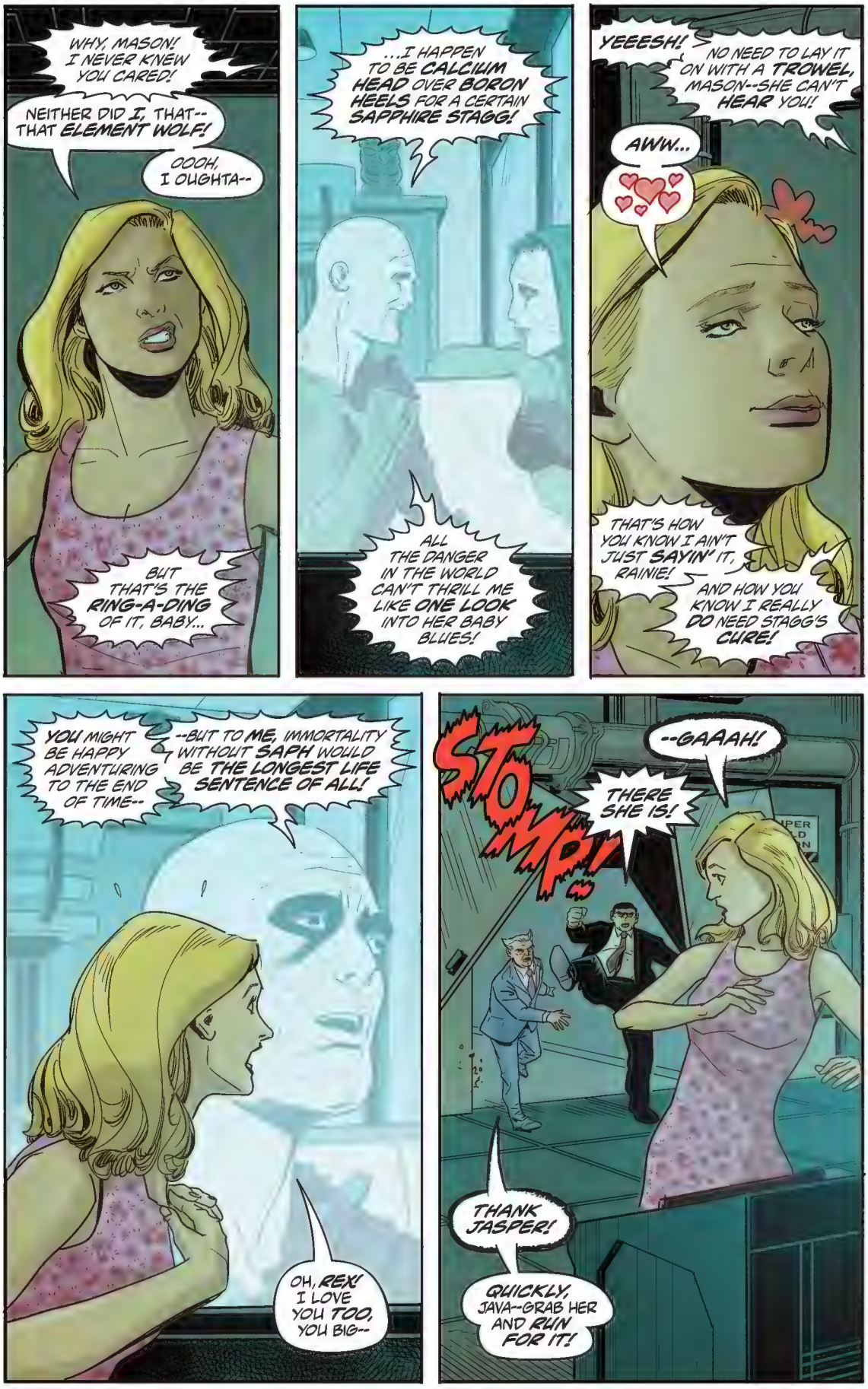
GUESS THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE, METAMANIACS!

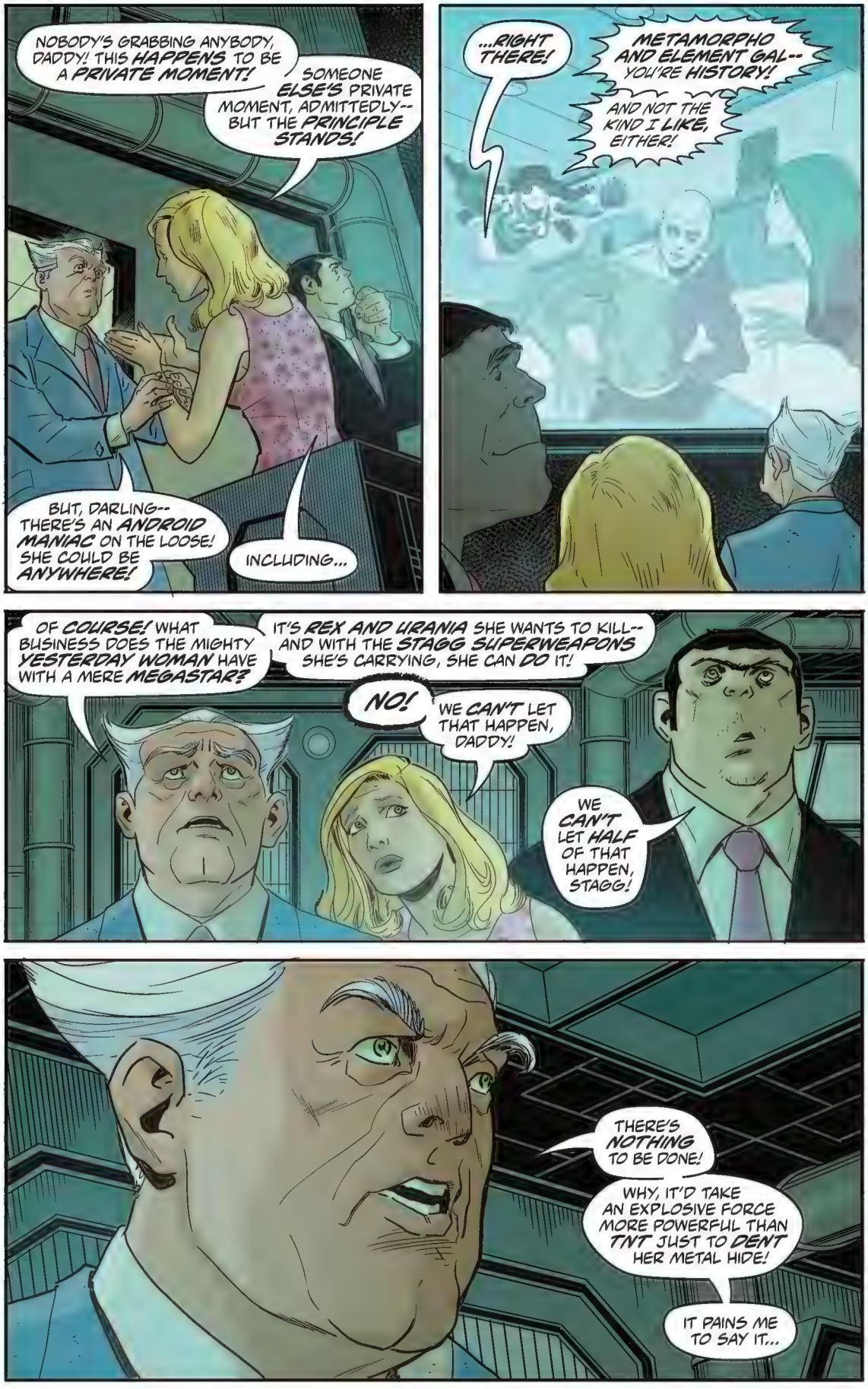
WITHIN SECONDS, THE COVERTLY CAPTURED CLIP IS BURNING UP SOCIAL MEDIA...

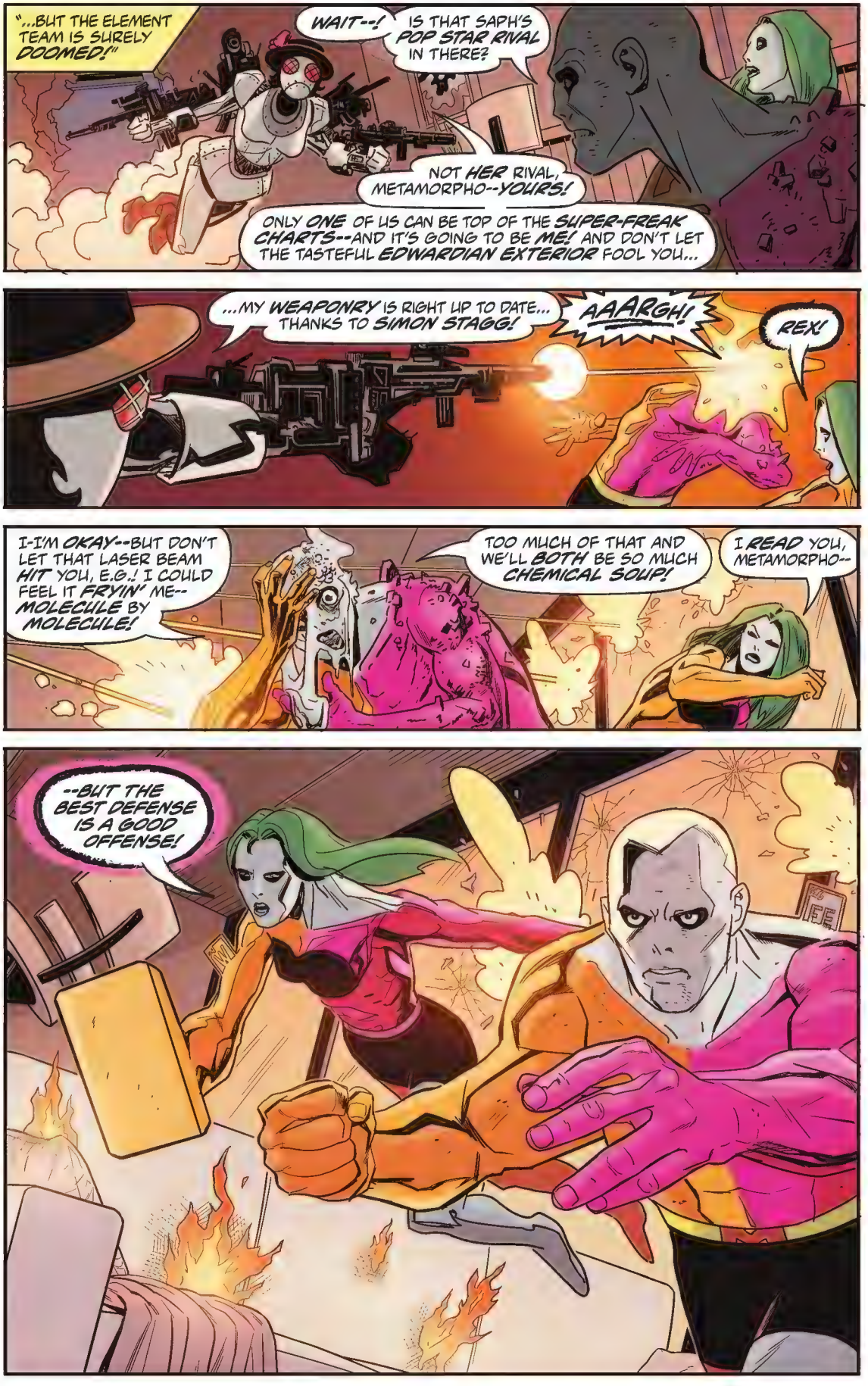
...AND IGNITING DEEP DISCOURSE FROM HATTON CORNERS TO BAXTER BEACH!
ELEMENT GAL'S TELLIN' IT LIKE IT IS! SHE'S THE GINCHIEST! DEBATE ME!
A STONE DRAG, YOU MEAN! SAPPHIRE FOREVER--URANIA NEVER!
PLEASE, FELLOW FLOWER CHILDREN! LET US AGREE ON ONE THING--METAMORPHO'S GLOW STICK ACT IS MERELY THE MOST!
SILENCE, STYLE TRAITOR! RAVE IS DEAD AND SO IS YOUR BUCKET HAT!
AND IN STAGGSY'S SECRET LAB...
BLIMEY! ME ALGORITHMS-- THEY'RE GOIN' OFF THEIR BLOOMIN' ROCKERS!
AND IF THERE'S ONE THING I HATE, IT'S ROCKERS!
A SUDDEN SURGE IN DEMAND FOR SUPERHEROIC SOAP OPERA-- OVERWHELMING THE WHOLE SYSTEM!
DO SOMETHING, MOD!
I CAN'T TWEAK THE MODELS FAST ENOUGH! I'M LOSIN' ME EDGE, STAGG! YES, I'M LOSIN' ME EDGE!
THE KIDS ARE COMIN' UP FROM BEHIND!
BUT IF NEO-REACTIONARYISM IS OUT-- AND FAB-FREAKINESS IS IN--
GREAT JASPER! THE AUTO-FABRICATORS!

THEY'RE GOING WILD!
I SAID IT ONCE AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, STAGG--
--ULP!
ULP ME NO ULPS, JAVA! THIS IS MERELY A SLIGHT SETBACK TO MY GRAND PLAN!
AFTER ALL, IT'S NOT AS IF THE MACHINES CAN GIVE SUGAR ACTUAL SUPER-ABILITIES! HAHA!
DID YOU TELL THEM THAT?
BY GADFREY--I RECOGNIZE THOSE NEW ATTACHMENTS! THAT'S MY THERMIC LASER! AND MY MICRO-HOWITZER CANNON!
THOSE ARE TOP SECRET MILITARY DESIGNS! HOW COULD SHE BE FITTED WITH THEM...
...UNLESS...
MOD!
SIMON, ME DUCK! ME OLD CHINA PLATE!
OF COURSE THERE'S NO HACKING PROGRAMS BURIED IN ME STYLE ALGORITHMS TO NICK ALL YER DEADLIEST INVENTIONS FOR Cy.C.L.O.P.S.!
HOW COULD YOU THINK SUCH A THING--URRGLE!
YOU RETROGRADE RAGAMUFFIN!
I'LL MURDER YOU LIKE YOU MURDERED THE SKIFFLE SCENE!
THIS ONE'S FOR LONNIE DONEGAN!
NO, STAGG!
DON'T SOIL YOUR HANDS ON THIS SAPPHIRE HATER--!
--THAT'S WHAT YOU PAY ME FOR!
:GLURK!:
JUPITER'S GHOST!
JAVA, WE MAY HAVE BIGGER PROBLEMS...
...SUGAR SWEET IS ONLINE!
WE'RE FAR BEYOND SWEETNESS NOW, SIMON STAGG!
MY PATHETIC PREVIOUS SELF COULD NEVER CONCEIVE OF THE POWER I NOW WIELD...
...OR THE LEVELS OF RETRO FASHION I'VE ACHIEVED!
IF IT'S SUPER-FREAKS THE PEOPLE WANT--SAY HELLO TO THE GREATEST SUPER-FREAK OF ALL!
SUGAR SWEET IS GONE, STAGG...
...YESTERDAY WOMAN LIVES!


KROOM!
AND NOW--I HAVE AN ARCHENEMY TO ANNIHILATE!
GREAT JASPER!
SHE MUST MEAN...MY DAUGHTER!
WHAT?!
AWK!
FOLLOW ME!
WE'LL USE THE MAIN COMPUTER TO FIND OUT WHERE SAPPHIRE IS--AND HEAD THE MENACE OFF!
JUST PRAY SHE'S OKAY, STAGG--OR I MIGHT JUST FORGET YOU THAWED ME OUT!
THE GRUESOME TWOSOME RACES TOWARD STAGG HQ'S CENTRAL COMPUTER BANK...
...LITTLE DREAMING THAT SAPPHIRE IS ALREADY THERE!
7M
6M
5M
4M
3M
EIGHT MILLION VIEWS AND COUNTING! I'M OFFICIALLY BACK--AND THERE'S MORE ELEMENTAL ACTION WHERE THAT CAME FROM!
COMPUTER--SHOW ME WHAT REX IS UP TO RIGHT NOW!
HMMPH! STILL SHAKING HIS TEST TUBE AT AGENT BLACKWELL!
LET'S TURN UP THE SOUND...
DON'T GET ME WRONG, RAINIE--YOU'RE ONE SWINGIN' CHEMICAL DOLL!
IF WE'D MET BACK IN THE DAY--WELL, WHO KNOWS?

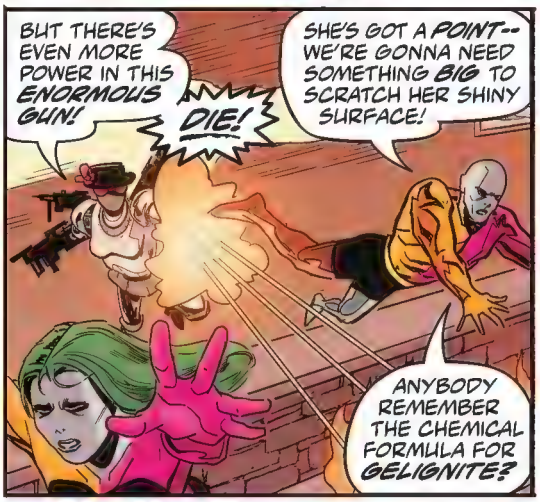

WHY, MASON! I NEVER KNEW YOU CARED!
NEITHER DID I, THAT-- THAT ELEMENT WOLF!
OOOH, I OUGHTA--
BUT THAT'S THE RING-A-DING OF IT, BABY...
...I HAPPEN TO BE CALCIUM HEAD OVER BORON HEELS FOR A CERTAIN SAPPHIRE STAGG!
ALL THE DANGER IN THE WORLD CAN'T THRILL ME LIKE ONE LOOK INTO HER BABY BLUES!
YEEESH!
NO NEED TO LAY IT ON WITH A TROWEL, MASON--SHE CAN'T HEAR YOU!
AWW...
THAT'S HOW YOU KNOW I AIN'T JUST SAYIN' IT, RAINIE!
AND HOW YOU KNOW I REALLY DO NEED STAGG'S CURE!
YOU MIGHT BE HAPPY ADVENTURING TO THE END OF TIME--
--BUT TO ME, IMMORTALITY WITHOUT SAPH WOULD BE THE LONGEST LIFE SENTENCE OF ALL!
OH, REX! I LOVE YOU TOO, YOU BIG--
STOMP!
--GAAAH!
THERE SHE IS!
THANK JASPER!
QUICKLY, JAVA--GRAB HER AND RUN FOR IT!

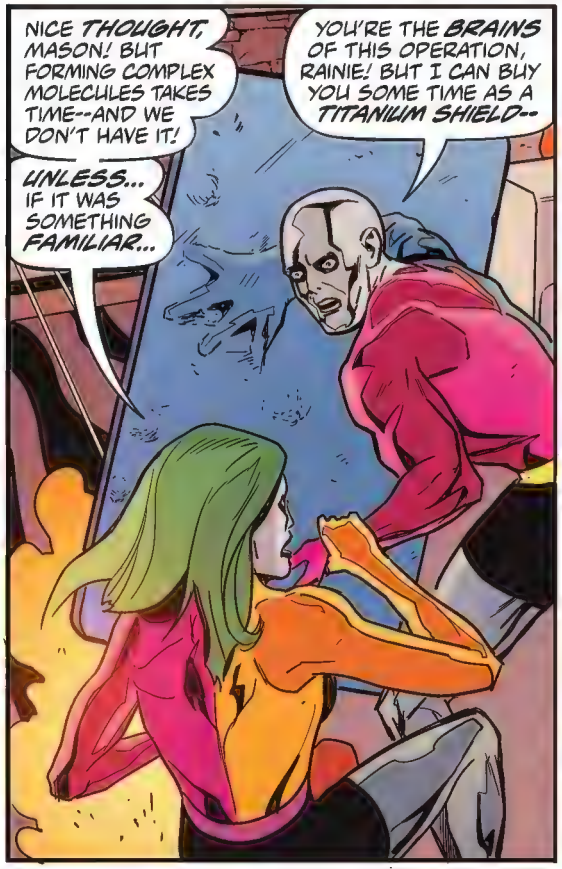

NOBODY'S GRABBING ANYBODY, DADDY! THIS HAPPENS TO BE A PRIVATE MOMENT!
SOMEONE ELSE'S PRIVATE MOMENT, ADMITTEDLY-- BUT THE PRINCIPLE STANDS!
BUT, DARLING-- THERE'S AN ANDROID MANIAC ON THE LOOSE! SHE COULD BE ANYWHERE!
INCLUDING...
...RIGHT THERE!
METAMORPHO AND ELEMENT GAL-- YOU'RE HISTORY!
AND NOT THE KIND I LIKE, EITHER!
OF COURSE! WHAT BUSINESS DOES THE MIGHTY YESTERDAY WOMAN HAVE WITH A MERE MEGASTAR?
IT'S REX AND URANIA SHE WANTS TO KILL-- AND WITH THE STAGG SUPERWEAPONS SHE'S CARRYING, SHE CAN DO IT!
NO!
WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN, DADDY!
WE CAN'T LET HALF OF THAT HAPPEN, STAGG!
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE DONE!
WHY, IT'D TAKE AN EXPLOSIVE FORCE MORE POWERFUL THAN TNT JUST TO DENT HER METAL HIDE!
IT PAINS ME TO SAY IT...

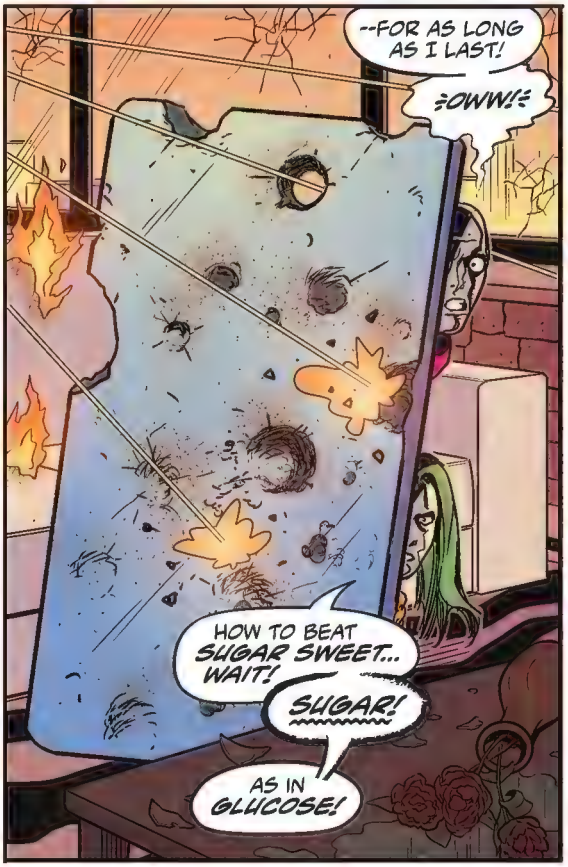

"...BUT THE ELEMENT TEAM IS SURELY DOOMED!"
WAIT--!
IS THAT SAPH'S POP STAR RIVAL IN THERE?
NOT HER RIVAL, METAMORPHO--YOURS!
ONLY ONE OF US CAN BE TOP OF THE SUPER-FREAK CHARTS--AND IT'S GOING TO BE ME! AND DON'T LET THE TASTEFUL EDWARDIAN EXTERIOR FOOL YOU...
...MY WEAPONRY IS RIGHT UP TO DATE... THANKS TO SIMON STAGG!
AAARGH!
REX!
I-I'M OKAY--BUT DON'T LET THAT LASER BEAM HIT YOU, E.G.! I COULD FEEL IT FRYIN' ME--MOLECULE BY MOLECULE!
TOO MUCH OF THAT AND WE'LL BOTH BE SO MUCH CHEMICAL SOUP!
I READ YOU, METAMORPHO--
--BUT THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD OFFENSE!

NO GOOD! TUNGSTEN MIGHT AS WELL BE TISSUE PAPER!
AND SOLID IRON AIN'T DOIN' MUCH EITHER! WHAT'S SHE MADE OF?
HA!
FOOLISH FREAKS!

ONCE I'VE FINISHED YOU OFF, I'LL BE EVEN MORE POPULAR WITH THOSE WHO WANT TO ESCAPE INTO A FICTIONAL PAST! POPULAR ENOUGH...TO RULE JUMP CITY!
THE MOD WAS RIGHT WHEN HE FIRST PROGRAMMED ME--THERE'S POWER IN REACTIONARY NOSTALGIA!


BUT THERE'S EVEN MORE POWER IN THIS ENORMOUS GUN!
DIE!
SHE'S GOT A POINT-- WE'RE GONNA NEED SOMETHING BIG TO SCRATCH HER SHINY SURFACE!
ANYBODY REMEMBER THE CHEMICAL FORMULA FOR GELIGNITE?


NICE THOUGHT, MASON! BUT FORMING COMPLEX MOLECULES TAKES TIME--AND WE DON'T HAVE IT!
UNLESS... IF IT WAS SOMETHING FAMILIAR...
YOU'RE THE BRAINS OF THIS OPERATION, RAINIE! BUT I CAN BUY YOU SOME TIME AS A TITANIUM SHIELD--


--FOR AS LONG AS I LAST!
:OWW!:
HOW TO BEAT SUGAR SWEET... WAIT!
SUGAR!
AS IN GLUCOSE!

KLIK
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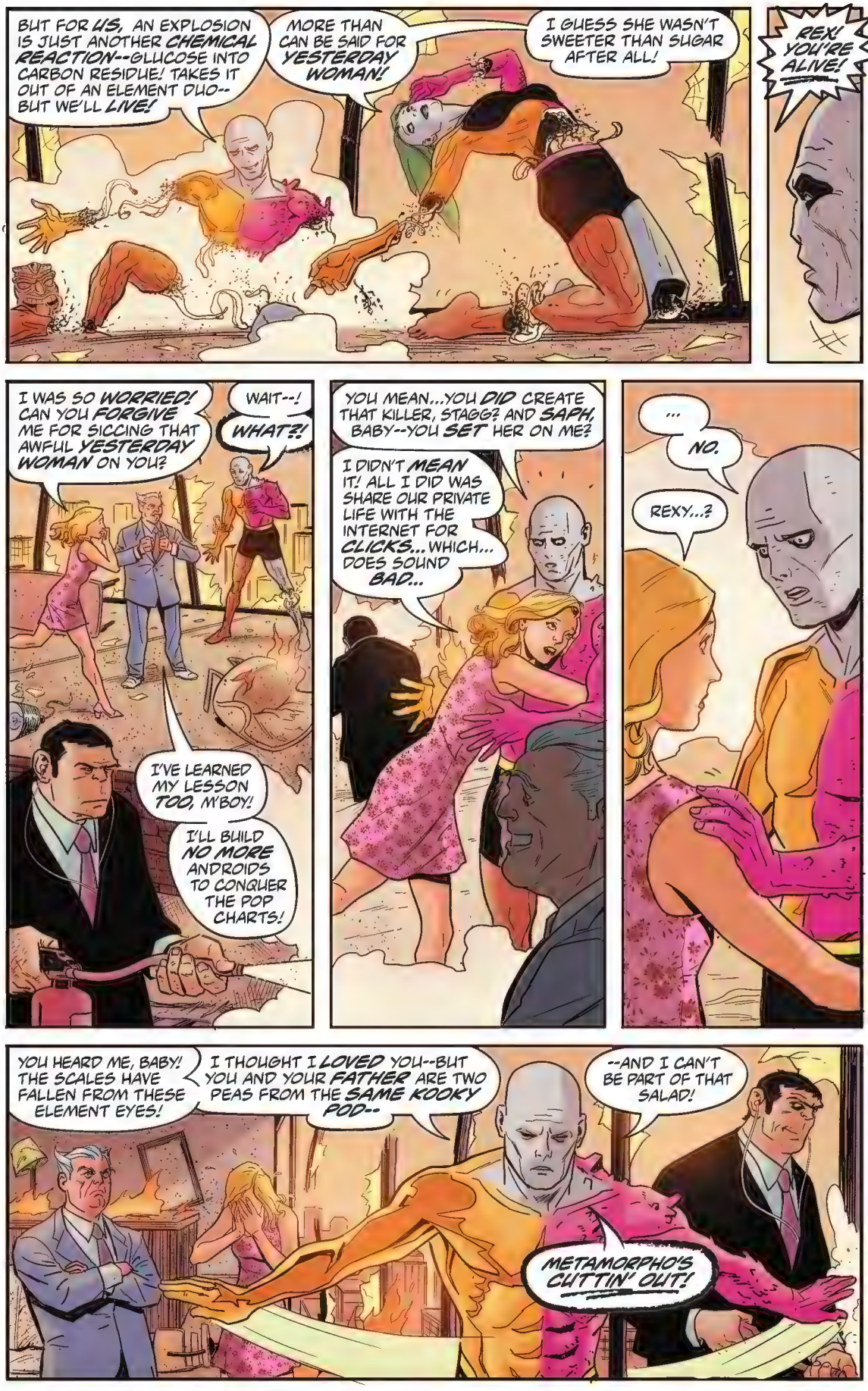
HUH?
GOOD OLD $C_6H_{12}O_6$! ONE OF THE MOST COMMON CHEMICALS IN THE HUMAN BODY--AND FOR US, THAT MAKES IT ONE OF THE EASIEST TO BECOME!
C'MON, MASON--LET'S WANDER LONELY AS A COUPLE OF CLOUDS...
...OF GLUCOSE DUST!
NOW I GOTCHA, RAINIE!
WE'RE WHY BAKERIES NEED VENTILATION!
'CAUSE IF SUGAR DUST MIXES WITH AIR IN A CONFINED SPACE, IT'S A LOT MORE EXPLOSIVE THAN DYNAMITE--
CHARGING
--SO ALL IT TAKES IS A SINGLE SPARK TO MAKE A BIG...
ZAK!


BUT FOR US, AN EXPLOSION IS JUST ANOTHER CHEMICAL REACTION--GLUCOSE INTO CARBON RESIDUE! TAKES IT OUT OF AN ELEMENT DUO--BUT WE'LL LIVE!
MORE THAN CAN BE SAID FOR YESTERDAY WOMAN!
I GUESS SHE WASN'T SWEETER THAN SUGAR AFTER ALL!
REX! YOU'RE ALIVE!
I WAS SO WORRIED! CAN YOU FORGIVE ME FOR SICCING THAT AWFUL YESTERDAY WOMAN ON YOU?
WAIT--!
WHAT?!
I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON TOO, M'BOY!
I'LL BUILD NO MORE ANDROIDS TO CONQUER THE POP CHARTS!
YOU MEAN...YOU DID CREATE THAT KILLER, STAGG? AND SAPH, BABY--YOU SET HER ON ME?
I DIDN'T MEAN IT! ALL I DID WAS SHARE OUR PRIVATE LIFE WITH THE INTERNET FOR CLICKS...WHICH...DOES SOUND BAD...
...
NO.
REXY...?
YOU HEARD ME, BABY! THE SCALES HAVE FALLEN FROM THESE ELEMENT EYES!
I THOUGHT I LOVED YOU--BUT YOU AND YOUR FATHER ARE TWO PEAS FROM THE SAME KOOKY POD--
--AND I CAN'T BE PART OF THAT SALAD!
METAMORPHO'S CUTTIN' OUT!

SAY IT AIN'T SO, METAMANIACS!
WOULD THAT WE COULD BASK IN THE AFTERMATH--BUT A LOOSE END IN OUR SAGA TAKES US TO A DAY LATER... AND TO GOTHAM CITY, HOME OF POLICE COMMISSIONER...
VANDAL SAVAGE!
ME OLD, OLD, OLD, OLD MATE!
A.C.A.B.
GOTHAM CITY POLICE DEPART
WHO ARE YOU AND WHY ARE YOU MAKING JOKES ABOUT MY AGE ON MY SECURE PRIVATE LINE?
DON'T BE LIKE THAT, ME LADDIO! IT'S ME, THE MAD MOD! YOU REMEMBER--FROM Cy.C.L.O.P.S.!
THING IS, ME DUCK, I GOT RUMBLED WHILE I WAS ON AN INFILTRATION MISSION FOR YOU-KNOW-WHO...
YOU'RE COMPROMISED AND YOU CALLED ME? IN MY OFFICE?
YOU'D BETTER HOPE MY COMMS ARE AS SECURE AS I THINK THEY ARE, MOD. IF THE BAT HEARD OF THIS--
BATMAN? BATMAN'S A BIG SOFTY--COMPARED TO S.H.A.D.E.!
IF THEY GET AHOLD OF ME, I'M A GONE GOOSE!
S.H.A.D.E., YOU SAY? SO YOU'RE ON THE METAMORPHO DETAIL...? HMM.
MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU, MOD.
YOU'RE LUCKY I KNOW THE BRAIN BEHIND Cy.C.L.O.P.S. WELL ENOUGH TO PUT IN A GOOD WORD.
HEAD TO WAGNER AIRFIELD AND TELL SECURITY THE OLD MAN'S GIVING YOU THE TOUR.
THEY'LL MAKE YOU DISAPPEAR.
I DON'T MUCH LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT--
DISAPPEAR TO SANTA PRISCA, YOU COWARD. I KEEP A...HOLIDAY HOME THERE.
AND I'M DUE FOR SOME VACATION TIME FROM THE STRESSES OF THE GCPD...

...SO WHAT BETTER TIME TO LOOK IN ON AN OLD FRIEND?
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COVER
GUILLEM MARCH
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A MILLION-YEAR-OLD BEEF IS BACK ON THE GRILL--BUT THAT'S JUST A SIDE DISH IN THE NEW AGE OF METAMORPHO! MEANWHILE, HAS THE FAB FREAK TRULY QUIT STAGG INDUSTRIES FOR GOOD? HOW FAR WILL SIMON STAGG GO TO KEEP HIM AROUND? ARE REX AND SAPPHIRE NO LONGER REXAPPHIRE? AND NOW THAT REX MASON IS THE FREE AGENT WITH THE REAGENTS, WILL URANIA WANT HIM TO BE HER SPECIAL AGENT...? OR WILL SHE LOOK FOR A NEW S.H.A.D.E. RECRUIT ELSEWHERE...AND FIND HIM IN...

The Man from J.A.V.A.?

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INTERVIEW WITH JOSHUA WILLIAMSON

Get ready to dive into the thrilling new era of *Superman* with writer Joshua Williamson! In this exclusive interview, Williamson goes All In teasing what lies ahead for the Man of Steel, the newly super-powered Lois Lane, and the high-stakes challenges they'll face—from shocking alliances to the return of Doomsday!

The introduction of Lois Lane as Superwoman adds a fantastic new dynamic to her relationship with Superman. From your perspective, what has it been like exploring this radical shift and how do her new powers impact the way you approach their classic chemistry?

Superman is always a romance comic at its heart. And Lois and Clark are comics' best couple. Being Superman has always been a big piece of Clark's life, and Lois has been a part of the super-powered world from the very start. And she was never jealous of it. *But* now she gets to see it from a new perspective. She loves the powers. To fly alongside Clark. To know she can help the world in whole new ways. And she loves being able to do that with her husband.

I see this as a very playful moment for them both. It's been a blast to write two people who are as much in love as Lois and Clark are. And to be able to share something that used to be just Clark's. Lois has never needed saving, not really, and now that is even more true.

But having powers can bring its own challenges, and she's going to learn that. Thankfully she has an amazing teacher in Superman.

Time Trapper's mystery looms large in the current arc, and fans were blown away by the reveal at the end of issue #19! What can you tease about Time Trapper's plans for Superman and how it will challenge him moving forward?

I'm glad we managed to keep that a secret and it was a surprise for the readers. I've had this idea for Doomsday and the Time Trapper in my back pocket for years, so it's wild to finally be here and telling this story.

Ever since Superman and Doomsday killed each other they have been bonded forever. And since they are both immortal, that forever is real. And what does that mean for them both? Knowing they are destined to fight until the end of time. Once Clark realizes this, it's like he has to confront impending doom in a whole new way. And how does that impact the relationships around him?

In the past, Time Trapper wanted to rule all of time and space, but now he wants something much bigger and feels that only Superman can give it to him. If Superman doesn't help him, he will force Superman to watch as his life turns into a horror show.

The mystery of the Time Trapper and what he really wants will play a major role in the series over the next year, leading to one of the biggest stories I've done at DC Comics. We're just getting started with that story.

The *Lex Luthor Special* brings a new angle to Lex's character with his lost memories that fans will not want to miss. Can you give us a glimpse into what the issue reveals about Lex and what makes this story big enough to spill out into its own special?

I love Lex Luthor. And we've had this subplot for the last year about his memory being erased and how he seems happier without it. That his past is dark, and because of more than just his time in Metropolis and his hatred of Superman. At his heart Lex is a tragic figure in the DC Universe. He's his own worst enemy.

This could have continued as a subplot, but I wanted the issue and story to breathe, as it's an emotional one. We wanted to give it the room to really get into Lex's head as we explore whether the world needs the old Lex Luthor back.

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